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ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONAL SYSTEM

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed August 19, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 17 and 41.

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Please amend claim 27 as follows:

27. (Amended) A computer-implemented method of facilitating commercial transactions, the method comprising:

maintaining a first transactional tier comprising items offered to consumer participants under a retail pricing scheme;

B1 maintaining a second transactional tier comprising items offered to dealer participants under a wholesale pricing scheme; and

linking the first transactional tier and the second transactional tier through a data repository having data records that represent items concurrently available in both the first transactional tier and the second transactional tier.

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